

House Resolution 721

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Abrams of the 84th, Oliver of the 83rd, and Henson of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Fernbank Elementary School chess team; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, chess is a challenging, centuries-old game that requires intelligence,
3 concentration, and strategy; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2009, the Fernbank Elementary School chess team prevailed as
5 champions in the state chess competition for kindergarten through third grade; and

6 WHEREAS, each young chess star demonstrated great strategic thinking, patience, and
7 tactical skill to earn Fernbank Elementary School's prestigious recognition as a school that
8 shapes young minds and encourages healthy competition at an early age; and

9 WHEREAS, the team was led to victory by their dedicated and talented coaches, Lew
10 Martin, David Vest, and Michael Mathias; and

11 WHEREAS, the first place team of champions included Arjun Srinivasan, Nikita Agarwal,
12 Ali Desrochers, Thomas Sudlow, Ted Shepherd, Joseph Padgett, and Albert Liang; and

13 WHEREAS, the gifted students of the Fernbank Elementary School chess team have each
14 brought honor to their families, school, community, and the State of Georgia.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body commend the members of the Fernbank Elementary School chess
17 team for their competitive spirit and exceptional abilities.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Fernbank Elementary
20 School.